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Dear Commission of Higher Education:

My name is Steven Chase and I am currently a senior at Lower Richland High School. I was recently awarded the Palmetto Fellows scholarship from your Commission and plan on using this scholarship to attend the University of South Carolina, beginning in the fall.

I would just like to voice my appreciation for the effort and valuable work that this Commission strives to complete. I know that without the scholarships and financial aid programs that are made possible through that work, many young students like me would find it nearly impossible to attend college and find the base for a successful life. It is vital that everyone be given the chance to obtain the knowledge and skills necessary to be a leader in our modern world of fast paces and specializations, and your efforts make that possible.

I, as a beneficiary of that hard work, would just like to restate how much I appreciate that effort and how you are helping me to become a better leader and a better member of society. Again, I hope that your continuing efforts will improve the educations of many more students, because I know that it has already begun to improve mine.

Sincerely,

Steven Chase
Lower Richland High School
Class of 2004

